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VIENNA FOR UNIDO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AORG, UN

SUBJECT: UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE: REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES

1. WE RECOGNIZE THE SUBSTANTIAL DRAIN ON USDEL'S RESOURCES
CAUSED BY REPORTING FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES ON A DAILY
BASIS DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND AGREE WITH USUN THAT
GOOD MANAGEMENT CALLS FOR RE-EVALUATION OF UTILITY OF THIS
SERVICE IN RELATION TO ALTERNATE DEPLOYMENTS OF PERSONNEL
CONCERNED.

2. NATURE AND PROCEDURES OF FIFTH COMMITTEE ARE IMPORTANT
IN CONSIDERING THIS QUESTION. AS MISSION WELL AWARE,
FIFTH COMMITTEE IS UNIQUE AMONG MAIN COMMITTEES OF UNGA IN
THAT IT HAS SYSTEM-WIDE FRAME OF REFERENCE, CONSIDERS THE
FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL THE OTHER COMMITTEES,
NORMALLY CONSIDERS SEVERAL ITEMS AT ANY ONE MEETING, COPE
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WITH A WORK SCHEDULE DEPENDENT UPON PRIOR ACTIONS OF OTHERS
AND THEREFORE NECESSARILY ADDS TO OR SUBTRACTS FROM ITS
AGENDA WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE, AND, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS
END OF UNGA, HOLDS FREQUENT NIGHT AND WEEKEND MEETINGS
(REQUIRING U.S. POSITIONS TO BE DEVELOPED IN LIGHT OF
LATEST INFORMATION WITHIN VERY SHORT TIME PERIODS).

3. IN LIGHT OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING FULL, PROMPT AND CLEARED GUIDANCE FOR USREP ON FIFTH COMMITTEE, WE HAVE REVIEWED CAREFULLY OUR NEED FOR AND UTILIZATION OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPHIC REPORT, AND HAVE EXAMINED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES (E.G., TELEGRAPHED UN PRESS RELEASES). OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT IS THAT USDEL'S DAILY REPORT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO USDEL NEEDS ON A TIMELY BASIS. WE THEREFORE APPRECIATE MISSION'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE PRACTICE OF DAILY REPORTING AND URGE THAT IT DO SO. WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR CAPABILITIES, WE ARE WILLING TO HELP UPON REQUEST WITH TDY ASSIGNMENTS AS IN PAST YEARS.

4. WE HOPE GENEVA AND VIENNA WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS IN LIGHT THEIR EXPERIENCE, WITH INFO COPY TO DEPARTMENT.

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